

HIV Diagnostics: New Developments and Challenges

Conference Announcement and Call for Abstracts

**Grosvenor Resort Orlando, Florida
February 28 March 1, 2005**

Cosponsors:
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Association of Public Health Laboratories



Meeting Information

LOCATION:

The conference will be held in Orlando, Florida. The Grosvenor Resort is located on the Disney World property at 1850 Hotel Plaza Blvd., Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830. The hotel offers free bus service to all Disney World parks, two heated swimming pools, an outdoor spa, tennis courts, a volleyball court, a game room and five restaurants.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Make your reservations directly with the Grosvernor Resort by calling 800-624-4109 and ask for rooms being held for the "CDC HIV Diagnostics". The room rate is \$95.00 single to quad, plus tax. The deadline for reservations at the conference rate is January 28, 2005.

GROUND TRAVEL

The hotel is served from the Orlando Airport by Mears Shuttle service, \$17 one way, \$29 round-trip.

**The HIV DIAGNOSTICS CONFERENCE
(February 28-March 1) IMMEDIATELY
PRECEDES THE 2005 APHL INFECTIOUS
DISEASE CONFERENCE (March 2-4)**

Persons planning to attend both conferences **MUST** make **SEPARATE HOTEL RESERVATIONS** using the code for each conference in order to receive the conference hotel rates for both conferences.

SPECIAL NEEDS

If you have special requirements or needs please call Anne Shuttleworth at (404) 639-1975 to discuss your arrangements.

REGISTRATION

The cost for registration for this meeting will be \$125.00. The registration fee includes all sessions, activities, and functions of the meeting including lunch and refreshments. Download a registration form or register online after January 1, 2005 at:

www.HIVtestingconference.org

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

The Conference is being co-sponsored by CDC and APHL. All persons involved with any aspect of HIV diagnostic testing are invited to attend and share their ideas and experiences. Laboratory scientists from private and public health laboratories, research scientists, and representatives from the diagnostics industry involved in research and development are encouraged to attend and to submit abstracts.

EXHIBITORS AND VENDORS

Exhibitors and Vendors are welcome at the HIV Diagnostics Conference. For more information, please contact Anne Shuttleworth at (404) 639-1975 or via email at aes2@cdc.gov.

OTHER QUESTIONS?

For additional information, please feel free to contact:

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February 28- March 1, 2005 Orlando, Florida

This conference, like past Human Retrovirus Testing conferences will focus on:

- New EIAs for HIV recently approved by the FDA
- Rapid HIV testing: Performance, implementation, and proficiency
- Nucleic Acid Amplification Testing for acute HIV infection
- Options for confirmatory testing in various settings
- Dried blood spots for confirmation, quality assurance, and incidence tests
- Discussion sessions:
 - Testing for HIV incidence surveillance
 - Quality assurance for rapid HIV testing
 - Use of rapid HIV tests in international settings

Conference attendees will receive state-of-the-art updates on HIV diagnostics; describe their experience with application and validation of new diagnostic techniques; interact with partners in the laboratory diagnostic community, research and industry; and identify gaps in diagnostic methods to explore possible solutions.

Call for Abstracts

Abstracts related to any of the focus areas are welcome. Abstracts for poster presentations should be submitted by email and must be received by February 1, 2005 to assure inclusion in the meeting. To be reproduced for the program brochure, abstracts must conform to the following specifications. They must be typed in a box 6" (15.2 cm) wide by 7.5" (19 cm) high with a single line border. No text may extend beyond the border. Abstracts must be typed in a legible font, no smaller than 11 point (condensed type fonts are acceptable). The title of the paper and the names of all authors must be on the first and second lines, respectively, within the box (see example).

The abstract should be submitted in MS Word format as an email attachment. Please email abstracts by February 1, 2005 to Steven Ethridge, SEthridge@cdc.gov with the subject line "Abstract submission" and include contact information for the presenting author (name of presenter, institution/department, mailing address, email address, and telephone). Please direct all questions to Steve Ethridge at (404) 639-6059 or SEthridge@cdc.gov.

Abstracts will be reviewed by the program committee for inclusion in the conference. Unless you hear otherwise, please assume that your poster WILL BE ACCEPTED.

You are encouraged to bring handouts for attendees. If you wish to bring handouts, please make 250-300 copies.

SAMPLE ABSTRACT
2005 HIV DIAGNOSTICS CONFERENCE

COMPARISON OF TWO COMMERCIAL ENZYME IMMUNOASSAYS FOR THE DETECTION OF HUMAN IMMNODEFICIENCY VIRUS ANTIBODIES IN HUMAN SERA

Author1, Author2, Author3

Affiliations

Background/Objective:

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a 1.5 pt solid border*

Methods:

Results:

Conclusions:

Presenter:

Institution:

Email: